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AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

—HELD WITH—

The Baptist Church, in Arkadelphia, Ark.,

Nov. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14,

A. D. 1870.

OFFICERS:

ELDER A. YATES, PRESIDENT.

ELDER J. B. SEARCY, SECRETARY.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION convened, pursuant to adjournment, with the Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, November 10th, 1870.

The brother appointed to preach the introductory sermon being absent, and the alternate being unwell, there was no sermon preached.

The President being absent, the Convention was called to order by the Vice President, Elder J. T. Craig; and after reading the seventeenth chapter of the gospel by John, singing, and prayer by Elder P. R. Smith.

The letters from the different associations and churches were read, and the delegates' names enrolled. (See roll of delegates, Appendix A.)

On motion, proceeded to ballot for officers of the present session, which resulted in the choice of Elders A. Yates, President, and J. B. Searcy, Secretary. The Secretary was afterward chosen Treasurer by acclamation.

On motion, adjourned till two o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder J. T. Craig.

THURSDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder D. M. Cochran, after which the President appointed the following committees:

Preaching—Elder J. O. Browning, the pastor of Arkadelphia Church, with Brethren Meek, Green, Marberry, Linnear and Bozeman.

Finance—Breth. T. A. Heard, D. O. Hall and Wm. Daniel.

Missions—Elders J. F. Griffin, W. M. Lea and D. M. Cochran.

Sunday-Schools—Elders R. M. Thrasher, S. Stevenson and Brother T. A. Heard.

Publications—Elders John Aaron, W. A. Wilson and M. Green.

Obituaries—Elders J. V. McColloch, G. W. Wells and Wm. Borum.

Ministers' Names and Postoffices—Elders Wm. Lea, J. P. Everett and E. Morrell.

Nominations—Elders P. R. Smith, J. D. Rasberry and A. T. Thompson.

Ministerial Education—Elders M. Green, D. M. Cochran and W. D. Mayfield.

On motion, it was resolved to have the lectures of the Ministers' Institute commence to-night, and continue each night till the course is completed.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting brethren, whereupon the following brethren accepted the same, viz.: Rev. G. J. Johnson, of St. Louis, Mo., District Secretary of the Bible and Publication Society; Elder John Barry, Missionary of the Sunday-School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for Arkansas, and Elder J. R. Graves, LL. D., of Memphis, Tenn., President of the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

On motion, Rev. G. J. Johnson delivered an interesting address on the mission which he represents.

On motion, Elder R. M. Thrasher addressed the Convention on the subject of Sunday-schools in the State.

The Committee on Preaching made their report, which was adopted. (See Report of Preaching.)

On motion, adjourned till eight o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by the President.

FRIDAY, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder R. J. Coalman. The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

On motion, Elder John Barry addressed the body in the interest of his mission.

On motion, Dr. J. R. Graves was invited to address the body in the interest of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, which he did in a thrilling speech of considerable length, while almost every one was moved alternately to laughter and tears.

On motion, adjourned till two o'clock P. M. Benediction by the President.

Elder W. D. Mayfield having arrived, the Conventional sermon was preached by him from Galatians vi. 14; theme, "Glorying in the Cross." Our brother manifested while dwelling upon this theme that such *only* was his glory. May God grant that such may be the glory of all our ministers.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. M. Lea.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted. (See Report 1.)

Elder H. H. Coalman offered a preamble and resolutions respecting raising funds and the future education of young ministers, which was laid on the table.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, which was recommitted to the committee for further consideration.

The Report on Missions was read, and, after lively discussion, on motion, adjourned till half-past eight o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. H. Howard.

SATURDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder T. B. Esby.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

The Report on Missions was taken up, and, after some discussion, was adopted. (See Report 2.)

The Report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted. (See Report 3.)

Elder Jas. Nelson, of the Mississippi Convention, was received, and read an interesting document respecting Arkansas and Louisiana co-operating with Mississippi in establishing a Baptist University, at Clinton, Miss., which document was referred to a committee, consisting of Elder D. M. Cochran, W. D. Mayfield and J. B. Searcy, to report at the present session.

The Board of Ministerial Education made their report. After some discussion, on motion, adjourned till 3½ o'clock, P. M. Benediction by the President.

The stand was occupied by Rev. G. J. Johnson, of St. Louis, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Text—2 Peter, iii, 14. His theme was "the joy of Christians after death," and the fervor manifested by the speaker made us feel that he was an heir of that joy.

SATURDAY, 3½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. T. Crnig.

The Report of the Board of Ministerial Education was resumed, and, after further discussion, was adopted.

A committee on Ministerial Education, consisting of Elders S. Stevenson, Mayfield, Murphy, Lea and Searcy, was appointed. Said committee to revise the Code for the

distribution of the *finances* of the Board of Ministerial Education, and report at the present session.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read.

On motion, adjourned till Monday, eight o'clock, A. M.
Prayer by Elder G. J. Johnson.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

11 O'CLOCK, A. M.—Elder P. R. Smith preached at the Methodist Church. Text—Amos, iv, 12; theme, "Preparation to meet God." Elder J. P. Everett preached at the Presbyterian Church—subject, "The Prodigal Son." Elder S. Stevenson preached at the Colored Church. Elder Jas. Nelson, of Mississippi, preached at the Baptist Church, Text—Matt., ix, 37; theme, "Ministerial Calling and Education." It is enough to say that the brethren and friends endorsed the sermon by contributing in cash and pledges about \$700 for ministerial education.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.—The Convention met in mass meeting at the Presbyterian Church, and, after prayer by Elder H. H. Coalman, was addressed at length by Dr. Graves, on the subject of the Southern Baptist Publication Society. The doctor showed by *sesquipedalia verba*, that Baptists of the West and South must have such a society; that the North is doing a great work by the A. B. P. Society, but they can best work in their section, and we in ours. In the conclusion, a large amount of stock was taken.

AT NIGHT.—Preaching at the Methodist Church, by Elder W. D. Mayfield, subject—"Good Hope." At the Baptist Church, by Elder M. Green, subject—"Pure Religion."

Thus closed the Lord's day, and at this moment my heart bounds with gratitude to God for the *precious privileges* and enjoyments of the day, and may God sanctify them to the good of them that heard.

MONDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder T. B. Espy. The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was resumed, which excited a lively discussion, and, after striking out a portion, was adopted. (See Report 4.)

The Report on Publications was read and adopted. (See Report 5.)

The Committee on Co-operation with Mississippi and Louisiana, concerning the Baptist University, made their report which was unanimously adopted. (See Report 6.)

On motion, the University (now Mississippi College) was ordered to be advertised in these minutes. (See advertisement.)

On motion, an advertisement of the Southern Baptist Publication Society was ordered to be published. (See advertisement.)

Elder Searcy offered some printed documents respecting the St. Louis house of Bible and Publication Society, with a request from the District Secretary, Rev. G. J. Johnson, that said documents be advertised in these minutes, and that he would forward to the Secretary of this Convention for the use of the same, 10,000 pages of selected Baptist tracts. After a lively discussion of the subject, the Secretary was ordered to publish said documents *not as a part of the proceedings of the Convention, but simply as advertisement.* (See advertisement.)

On motion, Dr. Graves was allowed two pages in these minutes for advertisements, to be paid for in tracts. (See advertisements.)

The Report on Nominations was read and adopted. (See Report 7.)

On motion, proceeded to ballot for some one to preach

the next Introductory Sermon of this Convention, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. M. Lea, and M. Green, alternate.

The Committee to whom was referred the Revising of the Code of finances for Ministerial Education, made their report which was unanimously adopted. (See Report 8.)

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. (See Report 9.)

On motion, Elder R. M. Thrasher was unanimously elected by acclamation, General Agent of the Convention to procure funds for the education of young preachers.

The Committee on List of Names and Post-offices of Ministers made their report, which was adopted. (See List.)

On motion, adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Elder H. H. Coulman.

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. R. Graves.

The Report on Obituaries was read and adopted. (See Report 10.)

On motion, appointed correspondents to the following:

To the Mississippi Convention—Elders J. B. Searcy, J. D. Rasberry and J. P. Everett.

To the Louisiana Convention—Elders J. V. McColloch, T. B. Espy, J. P. Everett, J. D. Rasberry, Crisp and Searcy.

To the Southern Baptist Convention—Elders T. B. Espy, J. F. Griffin, J. D. Rasberry, W. D. Mayfield and J. B. Searcy.

On motion, the same Boards of Ministerial Education and Missions were continued. (See Boards.)

On motion, proceeded to elect two Vice-Presidents for

the present Conventional year, which resulted in the choice of Elders D. M. Cochran and M. Green.

A resolution by Elder J. V. McColloch requesting the Associations to report the amount paid by them each year for missions was adopted. (See Resolution A.)

A resolution by Elder J. T. Craig respecting the printing, etc., of minutes was adopted. (See Resolution B.)

The Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education made his report, which was adopted. (See Report 11.)

A resolution of thanks to the Board of Ministerial Education was adopted. (See Resolution C.)

On motion, the Board of Trustees of this Convention was adopted. (See Board.)

On motion, the Convention agreed to allow Elder W. D. Mayfield \$200, for his services to be rendered this year as Corresponding Secretary of the Convention.

A resolution respecting the payment of the lecturers of the Ministers' Institute was adopted. (See Resolution D.)

A resolution of thanks to the citizens of Arkadelphia for their hospitality was adopted. (See Resolution E.)

A resolution respecting our State paper—*The Baptist*—was adopted. (See Resolution F.)

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Convention were ordered to be published.

A vote of thanks was extended to the President, for the manner in which he presided over the Convention.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Monticello, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, A. D. 1871. After the closing lecture of the Institute, by Elder J. R. Graves, the delegates united their voices in one of the sweet songs of Zion, while they extended to each other the parting hand. Thus closed the 23d anniversary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

J. B. SEARCY, *Sec'y.*

A. YATES, *President.*

APPENDIX.

(A)

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Red River Association—Elders D. M. Cochran, J. P. Richardson, G. W. Wells, H. H. Coalman, John Aaron, and Bro. T. A. Heard.

Pine Bluff Association—Elders W. M. Lea, N. G. Collins, B. Thomas, J. S. Morton, W. J. Newell and S. Stevenson.

Saline Association—Elders R. M. Thrasher, J. H. Howard, C. F. Moore, and Bro. Wm. Daniel.

Caroline Association—Elders M. Green, H. H. Beavers and R. J. Coalman.

Bartholomew Association—Elders W. H. Parker, J. B. Searcy, J. F. Griffin, J. D. Raspberry, A. T. Thompson, P. R. Smith, J. V. McCulloch, and brethren S. T. W. Meek and J. F. Bussey.

Columbia Association—Elders J. J. Byers, A. J. Canster and J. W. Daily.

Judson Association—Elders A. Yates, J. T. Craig, J. M. Wells, and Bro. Wm. Case.

Mt. Vernon Association—Elders W. D. Mayfield and J. K. Murphy.

Liberty Association—Elders J. P. Everett, J. D. Jameson, J. W. Crisp, G. W. Murphy, N. Yarbrough, and Bro. Wm. Harrison.

Liberty Grove Church—Elder Wm. Borum.

Yellow Creek Church—Elder R. P. Thomas and Alfred Linnear.

Lone Hill Church—Brethren Wm. Daniel and John W. Morton.

Edinburgh Church—Elder J. T. Craig and Dr. F. H. Mosca.

Smyrna Church—Elder J. D. Raspberry and S. T. W. Meek.

Arkadelphia Church—Elder D. S. Williams, J. T. Green, C. Ray and T. A. Heard.

Harmony Church—Elder W. A. Wilson, W. G. Wilson and John A. Halburt.

Providence Church—Elder P. R. Smith and J. F. Bussey.

Mt. Olive Church—Elder W. C. Kimbro.

Pleasant Grove Church—Elder E. Merroll.

Mineral Springs Church—J. Lewis.

South Fork Church—A. S. Vandivero.

Antioch Church—Elder H. H. Beavers.

- Bethlehem Church*—Elder James Gunter and G. S. Bourland.
New Hope Church, Dallas County—Elder A. Yates, D. C. Hall and J. B. Mann.
Flat Creek Church—Elder A. T. Thompson.
Egypt Church—Elder A. T. Thompson.
Pleasant Hill Church—Elders S. R. Stroud, S. Stevenson and J. F. Cagle.
Little Rock Church—Elder T. B. Eppy, L. L. Boon and H. Hawthornwhite.
Austin Church—Elder R. J. Coalman, W. F. Blakewood and Wm. Sanders.
Zion Hill Church—T. C. Meredith.
Helena Church—Elder W. D. Mayfield.
New Hope Church, Phillips County—Elder J. K. Murphy.
Millennial Church—Elder S. Stevenson.
Okalona Church—J. F. Cagle.
Individual Members—Elders J. O. Browning, Jasper Dunagan, and Bro. E. J. Vance.

REPORTS.

(1)

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Your Treasurer would respectfully make the following report:

Paid for printing Minutes.....	\$54 75
Paid freight on Minutes.....	1 25
Paid postage on Minutes.....	3 25
Paid Secretary's fee.....	10 00
	-----\$69 25
Amount received from Finance Committee.....	68 50
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$6 75

J. B. SEARCY, Treasurer.

(2)

MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions offer the following as their report: While there are scores of localities in our State calling aloud for the bread of life, we would suggest a plan to reach that portion of

destitution which is not fully reached by the missionaries of our Associations, who are now engaged in a good work. That the ground may be fully occupied, we call attention to the distribution of the Word of God in our towns and cities, and we suggest that the Mission Board of this Convention appoint, at its earliest convenience, six evangelists to be sent out two and two, viz: two to travel west and south of the Arkansas River, two between Arkansas and White Rivers, and two east and north of White River. These missionaries to travel under instructions from the Board, and make their report to the same. Respectfully submitted,
J. F. GRIFFIN, *Chairman*.

(3)

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Ministerial Education respectfully submit the following: No lengthy arguments or logical reasonings are necessary to convince the present generation, that a thoroughly educated ministry is needful. The statement of a few facts will suffice for this report.

We must have preachers, whose minds are well trained, to meet the infidel in the field of science. We must and *will* have an educated ministry. We will be left far behind, unless we at least keep up the ratio of learned men in our ministry that we now have. For the purpose of success in that direction, we urge that the present plan be vigorously carried out. We would advise every Christian to give a liberal part of his benevolence to the "ministerial education fund." We earnestly recommend that our efforts be one and undivided in this, the most important work of the Convention.

M. GREEN, *Chairman*.

(4)

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School which had its origin in a benevolent effort to merely educate poor children, and subsequently advanced to the higher place of instructing all children in the doctrine of the Word of God; is now, in our times, reaching the still higher ground of a "Bible School," wherein all classes, old as well as young, may study together in a familiar way the sacred Scriptures. Such a school as this last indicated, we think, should be organized and sustained in every church in the State, also in every neighborhood where it is practicable, and that, for the entire year. We rejoice that

a lively and growing interest is felt in this important work, in many parts of our land, and especially that more than heretofore is being done in our State. Elder John Barry is actively engaged as Sunday School missionary for the State, visiting all parts of it so far as he can, stimulating and encouraging schools already organized and supplying them by the sale of various helps needed; also organizing new schools and inciting others to do the same. The report already made by this brother in an address before this body is sufficient evidence upon those points. We earnestly recommend that the churches of the State, not only sustain this work by their gratitude and prayers, but also that every church, so far as consistent, make contributions for its successful prosecution. We would also recommend that every Association organize a Sunday School Convention as early as practicable, thus affording the churches, in their particular fields, the benefits of frequent counsel and instruction and the means of collecting statistics and interesting facts and incidents connected with this grand enterprise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. THRASHER, *Chairman.*

(5)

PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Publication call especial attention to the power of the press as a mighty engine of power in the land. We would mention the Southern Baptist Publication Society, located in Memphis, Tenn., controlled by Baptists. This Society can, and will furnish the facilities of a sound literature. The Bible underlies all Baptist literature, its truths are through all that we would recommend to the reading public. We urge the wide circulation of *The Baptist*, as a weekly paper for Arkansas. As a Sunday school paper, we recommend *Kind Words, the Child's Delight*, published in Memphis, Tenn., semi-monthly by the Sunday School Board of the S. B. C.; also, the *Home and Foreign Journal*. We also recommend the Sunday school teacher. But finally, brethren, we earnestly caution the reading public against the flood of false literature that is flowing over our land, and as Baptists, we should shun, as we would the deadly anacondas, all literature that compromises the great and fundamental principles of our faith which separate us alike from both Catholics and Protestants.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN AARON, *Chairman.*

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

The special Committee appointed to consider the propriety and policy of co-operation with the Mississippi Baptist State Convention in sustaining the Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Miss., report: That many and various considerations impel us to this co-operation. There seems to be no good reason which can be urged against the measure. The first consideration in the mind of the anxious parent is in regard to the health of his child; the Mississippi College being situated in a healthy locality, the students of that Institute are secured from all those dangers incident to a change of latitude. No one needs apprehend that his children will be offered up as martyrs to contagion, under the destroying influence of pulmonary diseases, so frequent in colder climates, and so fatal to Southern youth. Besides the railroad accessibility of Clinton will enable parents to hasten to the bedside of the sick student, and all the advantages of home can be early employed in his recovery. In these respects, superior; in all other points, equal to any other institution. It may be remarked that its location in another State presents no tangible objection, for, inasmuch as Religion acknowledges no State bounds, its twin sister, Education, is at perfect liberty to drink at the fountain of knowledge, at pleasure, without regard to the fanciful limits that divide our several States. The Committee cannot hasten to the completion of their task without dwelling on the particular location of Mississippi College. At a point nearly central to Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi—a location that appears to invite and invoke a concentration of effort of these States in building up an institution that shall be an honor to these States, and an evidence of their attachment to and advance in classical and scientific literature. Our own failure to establish a State institution still finds a place in our memory, the deserted and crumbling buildings of Baylor and Mt. Lebanon Colleges attest the fact, that probably awaited our own college, had long continued efforts culminated in the realization of our wishes, crumbling props of the unwise policy of separate State efforts, mournfully, touchingly, previously pleading for a wise co-operation. The impoverished condition of the Southern States forbids that we should pass over the facts that here is offered to our acceptance, not a fanciful sketch of an institute yet to be erected in the uncertain future, but one already existent and, beyond all questions, in a highly

flourishing condition; besides to, it is devoted without any effort or any cost, suitable lands and buildings of a value, variously estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000. In view of these facts, without adverting to many others too palpable to require further attention, the Committee advise the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Arkansas Baptist State Convention do accept the proposition of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and do hereby adopt the Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., as the institution of learning for our State, and pledge ourselves to use our influence to induce the Baptists of Arkansas to aid that College, according to their ability, in pecuniary contribution and patronage, hereby accepting the pledge offered to us that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention shall exercise and enjoy the privilege of appointing trustees, till the number thus appointed shall bear the same proportion to the entire Board, that the number of Baptists in Arkansas shall bear to the aggregate number in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana; further accepting the pledge that the said Mississippi Baptist State Convention shall secure to the students from Arkansas the privileges, franchises and immunities that shall be granted or enjoyed by the students resident in the State of Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. COCHRAN,
W. D. MAYFIELD,
J. B. SEARCY, } Committee.

(7)

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would select Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas, as the place of holding the next session of this Convention, and that it begin on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1871, and would further suggest that the body select by ballot some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Submitted, P. R. SMITH, *Chairman*.

(8)

REVISION OF PLAN OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of Revising the plan of Ministerial Education, as adopted by the last Convention, would submit the following as their report:

1. That the first resolution be altered so as to read "funds," instead of the sum of \$10,000.

2. That the following be substituted for the third resolution:

1. That no young man be received under the patronage of this Board until licensed and recommended to the same by the church of which he is a member.

2. That he shall submit to an examination by this Board upon his Christian experience and call to the ministry.

3. That, upon examination being found worthy, he shall receive pecuniary aid to the extent of his absolute necessities, provided the amount of such necessities do not exceed the sum of \$150 per year.

4. That, upon being received under the patronage of the Board, said beneficiaries shall enter into the following obligations: 1. That they will continue their course of study so long as thought advisable by the Board. 2. That during their course they will not enter into any matrimonial alliance. 3. That persons receiving aid from this Board shall enter into a moral and legal obligation to refund to said Board the amount of money, with interest from date of reception, received by them, provided, that they turn aside from the ministry, either from the sense that they have not been called or for the purpose of worldly pleasure or pecuniary gain.

S. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

(9)

FINANCE REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance make the following report:

Amount received from the churches, \$62 00; from associations, \$60 00. Total, \$122 00.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Rod River, Arkadelphia.....	\$ 5 00
Pine Bluff, Prattville.....	8 00
Salina, Rockport.....	10 00
Bartholomew, Bradley.....	15 00
Caroline, Anna.....	5 00
Judson, Princeton.....	10 00
Liberty, Union X Roads, La.....	5 00
Columbia, Falcon.....	2 00

CHURCHES.

Liberty Grove, Parcella.....	1 00
Zion Hill.....	
Yellow Creek.....	
Lone Hill, Rockport.....	5 00
Providence, Monticello.....	8 00
Edinburgh, Eagle Creek.....	2 00
Austin, Austin.....	2 00
Smyrna, Johnsville.....	2 00

CHURCHES.

Holena, Holena.....	\$5 00
Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia.....	5 00
1st Baptist Church, Little Rock.....	5 00
Harmony, Prattville.....	1 50
New Hope, LaGrange.....	5 00
Egypt, Pine Hill.....	2 00
Mt. Olive, Hamburg.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove, Washington.....	5 00
Bethlehem, Arkadelphia.....	1 50
Mineral Springs, Mineral Springs.....	4 00
South Fork, Arkadelphia.....	2 00
Antioch, El Paso.....	1 00
New Hope, Princeton.....	2 00
Fiat Creek, Fountain Hill.....	2 00
Millicanial, Little Rock.....	1 00
Oklahoma.....	

This report is respectfully submitted,

D. C. HALL, *Chairman.*

(10)

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries would report that we have heard of the death of but one minister, Elder W. S. Adams, of Ouashita county, Ark., who died in April, 1870. We are credibly informed that Bro. Adams was in the ministry some fifteen years, and that he was an earnest, zealous, good man, highly esteemed by his brethren; as a minister, he was thoroughly devoted to his work in his Master's cause, and while it saddens our hearts to record the death of such a brother, yet we have abundant reason for profound gratitude to God that *we have lost but one minister during the year.*

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. McCOLLOCH.

(11)

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Board on Ministerial Education beg leave to report: Immediately after the adjournment of the last Convention, your Board met and organized. Bro. Hicks was elected President, and W. D. Mayfield, Secretary and Treasurer; brethren Lea and Compere were appointed agents of the Board. The latter could not serve, and no one else could be found to take the position, hence, we have had but one agent in the field. In regard to the "Institute," we did what we could do to secure able brethren to lecture, without too large an outlay of the little means on hand. Providence has hindered some who promised to be on hand. No aid has yet been given any minister. Application has been made lately for help, by several letters. The line of policy which your Board adopted, was to aid none except such as were already in the ministry, and had shown aptness to teach. We may remark that Bro. E. H. Owen is receiving aid indirectly from the Board. Our agent has made arrangements by which several churches assist in his support. Your Board has had to meet many peculiar difficulties, not the least of which was to commence a work perfectly new to the churches. Some opposition manifested itself in many parts of the State; indeed, strong efforts have been made to break down the Board, and destroy its efficiency. ~~But in the midst of these~~ ^{But in the} troubles we have tried to go straight forward, and we delight in believing that there is more interest now in the State on the sub-

ject of ministerial education than has been at any time since the war. Some twenty young men now desire help from the Board. Will the churches help us support them? The Board pray that the enlarged liberality of the brethren may make it equal to this great work. We now surrender our work and our position. We have done little, but we have done what we could.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. MAYFIELD, *Secretary of M. Board.*

W. D. Mayfield, in account with Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

Nov. 12, By Helena Church.....	\$12 00
" 30, By Bro. Jarman.....	10 00
Jan. 3, By Bro. Hicks.....	10 00
May 21, By Agent.....	68 40
Aug. 9, By Agent.....	109 20
Sept. 9, By Agent.....	78 25
By Agent at Convention.....	449 95
By collection at Baptist Church. .	94 00
Presbyterian Church.....	4 20
Methodist E. Church.....	6 85
Hopewell Church.....	5 00
By different persons.....	12 00
	<hr/> \$850 95
Committee paid Agent.....	176 50
	<hr/> \$674 45
Balance due Convention.....	\$674 45

In addition to this amount, about \$2,200 have been subscribed to the Agent and not yet paid in. The congregation at the Baptist Church, on yesterday, subscribed about \$600, which amount has not yet been collected. The Board may also state that several tracts of land have been donated to the Convention, but, as yet, no legal transfer has been made, no definite information on our part is supposed to be necessary. With these statements, the report is submitted and the money placed at your disposal.

W. D. MAYFIELD, *Sec. and Treas. B. M. E.*

RESOLUTIONS.

(A)

Resolved, That the several associations in this State be requested to report annually, to this Convention, the amount paid by them for domestic missions.

J. V. McCOLLOCH.

The delegates from the Bartholomew Association reported for domestic missions, last year, \$600. The delegates from Caroline Association also reported, \$500. Many others had paid liberally for missions, but we failed to get the amounts.—[SECRETARY.]

(B)

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have one thousand copies of the minutes of this Convention printed and distributed, and that he receive \$25 for his services. J. T. CRAIG.

(C)

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are, hereby tendered to the Board of Ministerial Education for their prompt and efficient services rendered during the past year:

H. H. COALMAN.

(D)

Resolved, That the Convention approve the action of the Board of Ministerial Education in the employment of the lecturers for the "Institute," and that the Board is hereby instructed to pay said lecturers according to agreement with them.

R. J. COALMAN.

(E)

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and citizens of Arkadelphia, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Convention, and also to the Methodists and Presbyterians for the use of their houses of worship.

IL H. BEAVERS.

(F)

WHEREAS, Bro. Graves still proposes to give the Baptists of this State one page of his paper, each week, for the publication of matter from Arkansas, therefore,

Resolved, That we most cordially endorse *The Baptist* as our organ for the State, and we desire to pursue the same course respecting an editor, that we did last year.

R. J. COALMAN.

BOARDS.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Bro. J. H. Hicks, President, Elder W. D. Mayfield, Secretary, A. G. Garman, Wm. Porter, and Elder J. K. Murphy. Located at Helena.

BOARD OF STATE MISSIONS.—Elders M. Y. Moran, President, and J. B. Searcy, Secretary, J. T. Craig, B. B. Martin, and Benjamin Davis.

TRUSTEES OF ARKANSAS STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION, Domiciled at Princeton.—J. K. Dawson, E. Woods, A. Yates, D. C. Hall, E. H. Moses, Sol. Gardner, T. A. Heard, R. M. Thrasher, S. Stevenson, B. C. Hyatt, J. K. Murphy, M. Green.

MINISTERS' NAMES AND POSTOFFICES.

Aaron, John,	Moscow.	Box, S.,	Beach Creek.
Adams, J. J.,	Harrold.	Brown, A.,	Bentonville.
Adam, J. B. G. W. N.,	Dardenelle.	Burns, W.,	Fort Smith.
Allen, H.,	Hamburg.	Bearden, J. R.,	Green River.
Amerson, J. M.,	Hot Springs.	Carnett, W. L.,	Sulphur Rock.
Baker, R. L.,	Pea Ridge.	Compere, E. L.,	Fort Smith.
Barns, J. C.,	Russellville.	Craig, J. T.,	Agile Creek.
Barnett, D. G.,	Little Rock.	Olam, J.,	Rockport.
Bearden, B. H.,	Lewisburg.	Creed, M.,	Gravel Ridge.
Bell, M. D.,	Graves.	Coats, Wm.,	St. John's.
Blakely, W. M.,	St. Paul.	Chambers, J. D.,	Helena.
Britt, H. S.,	Lisbon.	Collins, N. G.,	Little Rock.
Bryant, H.,	Lemartine.	Coalman, R. J.,	Austin.
Barker, J. S.,	Payetteville.	Coalman, H. H.,	Arkadelphia.
Byers, J. J.,	Falcon.	Calaway, N. P.,	Chambersville.
Boon, T. P.,	Searcy.	Carroll, John,	Mt. Vernon.
Burnett, J. Q.,	Magnolia.	Cochran, S. W.,	Pilot Hill.
Bledsoe, J. G.,	Lewisburg.	Obensault, E. N.,	Magnolia.
Browning, J. O.,	Arkadelphia.	Cheek, R. H.,	Perryville.
Box, W. S.,	Green Brier.	Cochran, D. M.,	Locksburg.
Beavers, W. B.,	Hickory Plains.	Cox, J. M.,	Des Arc.
Brown, G. O.,	Cane Creek.	Daniel, W.,	Dorchetta.
Borum, Wm.,	Paraclista.	Downs, J. R.,	Falcon.
Box, Robert,	Okalona.	Dodson, Thos.,	Payetteville.

Ministers' Names and Postoffices.—Continued.

—Dunagan, Jasper,	Pea Ridge,	—Mitchel, J. F.	Dentonville.
Dover, E. R.,	Hickory Plains.	Mayfield, W. D.,	Helena.
—Dobbs, J. F.,	Booneborough.	Murphy, J. K.,	Helena.
Davis, J. G. A.,	Helena.	Morton, J. S.,	Little Rock.
Dunn, W. E.,	Fairview.	Mullins, D. N.,	Cross Roads.
England, E.,	Graves.	Mears, J. S.,	Fountain Hill.
Flem, A.,	Eagle Creek.	McCrow, D. R.,	Moscow.
—Ferguson, T. R.,	Evansville.	Mayes, John,	Fayetteville.
—Everett, J. P.,	Union X Roads, La.	Marshall, J. T.,	DoWitt.
Fielding, J.,	Dallas.	Merrill, E.,	Washington.
Fuller, S.,	Atlanta.	McCrow, J. M.,	Moscow.
—Griffin, J. F.,	Branchville.	Miller, J. W.,	Batesville.
Givins, J.,	Mayevilla.	Moran, M. Y.,	—Branchville.
Gunter, Jan.,	Arkadelphia.	Moore, C. P.,	Benton.
Gardner, S.,	Warren.	Neighbors, W. J.,	Hot Springs.
Griffin, W. S.,	Searcy.	Newell, W. J.,	Shoridan.
Gregory, H. A.,	Prattville.	Owen, E. H.,	Branchville.
Green, M.,	Monticello.	O'Neal, T. E.,	Branchville.
Howard, J. H.,	Hot Springs.	Parker, U. H.,	Gravel Ridge.
Hutchinson, A. J.,	North Point.	Putman, B.,	Bentonville.
Haynes, H.,	Nashville.	Quinn, L.,	Bird's Springs.
Henderson, J. C.,	Denton.	—Prime, G. M.,	Eldorado.
Hyatt, B. C.,	Monticello.	—Patterson, J. L.,	Bird's Springs.
Holloway, G.,	Hickory Plains.	Russell, A. M.,	Lonoake.
Heart, J. M.,	Three Creek.	Rodgers, A. P.,	Rodgers' Ridge.
Harris, S.,	Dorchetta.	Rasberry J. D.,	Johanna.
—Holland, E.,	Trenton.	—Rice, B. C.,	Tulip.
Hall, R.,	Greenbrier.	—Robert, W. H.,	Trenton.
Imaca, J. S.,	Fayetteville.	—Robinson, J. S.,	Vanburen.
Ingram, W.,	Fayetteville.	—Reed, Isaac,	Ozark.
Jones, W. B.,	Pine Bluff.	Robbin, J. B.,	Nashville.
Jones, O.,	Billingsby.	—Stover, J. A.,	Richmond.
Jenkins, A.,	Cano Creek.	Sims, H.,	Hamburg.
King, J. M.,	Austin.	Sims, —,	Lake Village.
Lee, W. M.,	Little Rock.	Searcy, J. B.,	Bradley.
Loring, G.,	Fayetteville.	Smith, P. E.,	Monticello.
—Kimbrough, W. O.,	Fountain Hill.	—Srand, S. B.,	Arkadelphia.
Ledbetter, T. S.,	Charleston.	Taylor, J. G.,	Darymaw.
Lambert, W.,	Charleston.	Talbot, G. B.,	Hampton.
—Lawrence, W.,	Big Bend.	Tucker, W.,	Selma.
Lindsey, E. H.,	Chambersville.	Tate, D. T.,	Cane Hill.
Linsey, R. M.,	Tulip.	Thrasher, R. M.,	Rockport.
Luck, J. O.,	Bell's Store.	—Thomas, B.,	Little Rock.
Lewis, D.,	Olive Creek.	—Thomas, B. F.,	Forest City.
McColloch, J. V.,	Hamburg.	Thompson, W.,	Brownsville.

Ministers' Names and Postoffices.—Continued.

Taylor, J. S.,	Pine Bluff.	Hansler, Alex.,	Seminary.
Thomas, R. W.,	Batesville.	DeLaughter, D.,	Canan.
Thompson, A. T.,	Hamburg.	Dunington, J.,	Arkadelphia.
Vick, J. R.,	Holt's Bluff.	Langley, M. L.,	Arkadelphia.
Vaughan, J. M.,	Bentonville.	Gathright, W. H.,	Hillsborough.
Whitton, T.,	Akin's Store.	Wilson, W. A.,	Prattville.
Wood, H. W.,	Hamburg.	Edwards, P. R.,	Selma.
Wood, J. S.,	Hamburg.	Howell, E.,	Amity.
Williams, D. S.,	Arkadelphia.	Barry, J.,	Helena.
Walker, C. B.,	Stony Point.	Mayers, L. O.,	Chambersville.
Wilkerson, H. M.,	Cherry Grove.	Espy, T. B.,	Little Rock.
Whaley, J. H.,	Cadron.	Swinney, C. P.,	Atlanta.
Wells, G. W.,	Arkadelphia.	Wise, G.,	Atlanta.
Williams, J. H.,	Springfield.	West, T. P.,	Rock Creek.
Willis, A.,	Camden.	Hale, Jas.,	Hamburg.
Waldrop, J. V. B.,	Hamburg.	Cobb, A. T.,	Bellville, La.
Yates, A.,	Princeton.	Owen, H. E.,	Searcy.
Yerger, J. B.,	Freeo.	Dyer, E.,	Batesville.
Welch, J. M.,	Arkadelphia.	McClain, J. G.,	Champagnola.
Langley, J. P.,	Arkadelphia.	Quinn, E.,	Rocky Comfort.
Roundtree, J. B.,	Arkadelphia.	Province, S. M.,	Clarendon.
Copelin, J. P.,	Princeton.	Maynor, E. L.,	Little Rock.

Your Committee on Ministers' Names and Postoffices offer the
above as their report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. LEA, *Chairman.*

CONVENTION MEETINGS.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention meets at Monticello, on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1871.

The Mississippi Baptist State Convention meets at Crystal Springs, on Thursday before the first Sunday in June, 1871.

The Louisiana Baptist State Convention meets at Monroe, on Thursday before the first Sunday in July, 1871.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets on Thursday before the second Sunday in May, 1871, at St. Louis, Mo.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be styled the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.**

ART. 2. The Convention shall be composed of Delegates from Baptist Associations, churches, and individuals who are members of regular Baptist Churches in good standing.

ART. 3. Associations shall be entitled to five delegates, and churches to three.

ART. 4. It is distinctly understood that this Convention shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, nor in any way interfere with the Constitution of any church or association.

ART. 5. The objects of this Convention shall be to supply the destitute regions within its bounds with the unadulterated Word of Life, and a living ministry, and to aid by appropriate and scriptural means all destitute and feeble churches, and also supply communities with such books as may be approved by this body and as may be thought best calculated to communicate information as to the distinctive doctrines and ordinances of the Gospel of Christ as received by our denomination. The Convention may, whenever consistent with the condition of the treasury, adopt means for the advancement of Education and Foreign Missions.

ART. 6. The Convention shall elect annually a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and ten or more Managers, who shall compose the Executive Board, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Board shall transact all business during the recess of the Convention, and disburse the funds, fill all vacancies in its own body and submit a report of their proceedings to the Convention. Each member of the Board shall be ex-officio a member of the Convention.

ART. 7. The annual session of this Convention shall commence on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, each year.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention, two-thirds of the members present concurring in the measure, *except the fourth article, which shall forever remain unaltered.*

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The meetings of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The President shall entertain no motion unless it is seconded, nor shall any motion be open for discussion until it is announced from the chair.

3. When a motion has been formally announced, no other motion shall be entertained, except to amend or lay on the table; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking or the house is voting.

4. When a member wishes to speak, he shall stand up and address the chair. If two or more members rise together, the President shall decide who has the floor.

5. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission of the house, except to correct a misunderstanding of his views.

6. No member shall designate another, in debate, by any other appellation than that of brother.

7. All questions of order shall be determined by the chair, subject to an appeal to the house.

8. All motions shall be handed in writing to the Secretary's table, if required by any member of the body.

9. No member shall absent himself without permission from the chair.

10. The President shall call another member to the chair when he desires to participate in the discussion, or absent himself from the house.

11. After the question shall have been satisfactorily discussed, the President shall take the vote of the house, and, in case of a tie, shall have the casting vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I. - Election of Officers.
- II. Appointment of Standing Committees. (Select Committees may be appointed at any stage of the Convention.)
 1. On Preaching.
 2. On Documents.
 3. On Domestic Missions.
 4. On Education.
 5. On Publications.
 6. On Sunday Schools.
 7. On Finance.
 8. On Ministers' Names and Post-offices.
 9. On Obituaries.
 10. Select some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.
- III. Hear the Report of Executive Board.
- IV. Hear the Report of Corresponding Secretary.
- V. Hear the Report of Treasurer.
- VI. Hear the Report of Missionaries and Agents.
- VII. Hear the Reports of Standing Committees in the order of their appointment. (Select Committees may report at any time when there is nothing before the body.)
- VIII. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
- IX. Determine the place of holding the next meeting.
- X. Miscellaneous Business.

A List of Associations and Churches.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Red River,	T. A. Heard,	Arkadelphia.
Pine Bluff,	Wm. A. Wilson,	Prattville.
Saline,	R. M. Thrasher,	Rockport.
Bartholomew,	J. B. Searcy,	Bradley.
Carolina,	R. J. Coalman,	Austin.
Judson,	A. Yates,	Princeton.
Liberty,	J. P. Everett,	Union X Roads, La.
Columbia,	J. J. Byers,	Falcon.

CHURCHES.

NAMES.	CLERKS.	ADDRESS.
Liberty Grove,	Wm. Borum,	Paraclista.
Lone Hill,	Wm. Daniels,	Rockport,
Providence,	Joc. Buasey,	Monticello.
Edinburg,	J. T. Craig,	Eagle Creek.
Austin,	R. J. Coalman,	Austin.
Smyrna,	S. T. W. Meek,	Johnsville.
Helena,	W. D. Mayfield,	Helena.
Arkadelphia,	T. A. Heard,	Arkadelphia.
Little Rock,	T. B. Espy,	Little Rock.
Harmony,	W. J. Newel,	Prattsville.
New Hope,	J. K. Murphy,	LaGrange.
Egypt,	A. T. Thompson,	Fountain Hill.
Mt. Olive,	H. Allen,	Hamburg.
Pleasant Grove,	E. Morrell,	Washington.
Bethlehem,	G. L. Bourland,	Arkadelphia.
Mineral Springs,	J. P. Richardson,	Mineral Springs.
South Fork,		Arkadelphia.
Antioch,		El Paso.
New Hope,	A. Yates,	Princeton.
Flat Creek,	A. T. Thompson,	Fountain Hill.
Millennial,	S. Stevenson,	Little Rock.
Yellow Creek,	Wm. Borum,	Paraclista.

To the Baptists of Arkansas.

The Southern (slave) States, since the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, have been the especial field for the operations of the Southern Baptist Convention and its Boards, while, until the war, the Northern States have been cultivated by the Northern Baptists through their Boards, and so we have been at peace, religiously—each section attending to its own field.

But, during and since the war, the Northern Boards have declared that the whole of North America belonged to them, as the Pope claims jurisdiction of the entire earth. Those Boards are resolved upon the religious jurisdiction of the entire South, without respect to the Boards of our Southern Baptist Convention; the Northern Publication Society and their Colored School Missions are the entering wedges, by which they expect to accomplish this end.

The Publication Society has cropped the line and planted its District Secretary at St. Louis, who is to operate in that State and Arkansas, and perhaps Louisiana and Texas. The Society has money—the sinews of war—and for money, it can employ agents and secure patronage. The plan works like a charm. Missouri has already been separated from the Southern Convention, and the Baptists divided among themselves. It is working in Arkansas. The unity in feeling and in action is being destroyed, division of sentiment is being engendered, as was manifested in the last Convention, and soon Arkansas will follow Missouri. This Society has recently located a Mr. Fish as its District Secretary in Kentucky, and, but the other day, a Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Bitting, for the whole South! How would our Northern brethren look upon the South should it plant its Boards in the North, and fill its States with local and traveling secretaries and agents? That Publication Society unites in itself three Boards, *i. e.*, Publication, Sabbath Schools and Bible, and proposes to do all this work for the South, and if it succeeds will abolish our Publication Society and Sunday-School Board. Every one can see that this movement will breed confusion and divisions in the State, and can be productive of evil, deplorable evil.

The Baptists of Arkansas should be a unit among themselves, and should act as a unit with the Southern Baptist Publication

Society, with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. If so, they should discourage the efforts of the Secretary of the Northern Board and those of his agents in the bounds of the State. The Southern Baptist Publication Society and Sunday School Board at Memphis can supply all the denominational books and Sabbath School books needed by the State of Arkansas, and if not of its own just now, it will select and furnish them, on as reasonable terms.

The State Convention, some years since, united in editing a hymn book, which was approved and has been published, but the Publication Society is fast putting it out of circulation with a smaller, inferior, but a little cheaper book, so that now scarce any two churches will use the same hymn book, and when a brother moves, he must purchase a new book. Will the Baptists of the State of Arkansas ponder well these facts, and decide whether they will favor the designs of the North in the religious subjugation of the South, and whether they will give their patronage to Northern or Southern Boards and Publication Societies, and govern themselves accordingly.

To provide an endowment for the Southern Baptist Publication Society, I am now raising \$100,000. \$15,000 of this has been allotted to the State of Arkansas, and over \$3,000 of it has already been taken; 240 brethren only are needed to take one share each (\$50) to close the book for Arkansas. (See Constitution in *The Baptist*.)

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ROBERT KELLS,
President of Board of Trustees.

W. T. RATLIFF, Secretary.

Clinton, Miss., Nov. 1, 1870.

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Also, Brothren, we ask your sympathies, your words, your prayers and your money for the benevolent and missionary work of this Society—to circulate the word of God, to publish and diffuse a Baptist literature, to sustain colportage among the scattered and destitute, and to carry forward the Sunday school cause in all parts of our land. *We solicit a contribution for this work from every Baptist church and member this year. WILL YOU GIVE?*

Please ask the aid of your church also, and report, at latest, before February 28, 1871—remembering that all that is given will be returned with manifold increase to your field.

G. J. JOHNSON, Dist. Sec.

OUR BAPTIST DEPOSITORY.

(From Central Baptist, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 2, 1870.)

The visitor to this establishment, at 209 North Sixth Street, in this city, will find it a busy place—boxes of books coming in from the various publishing centers of the land, and going out to colporteurs, to Sunday schools, to ministers, in all directions. And this house is not only a store for selling, at lowest rates, all the good Baptist publications of the day, but is also a benevolent institution. Over \$384 in books—mainly Bible and Testaments to newly organized Baptist Sunday schools, were given away from this house during the month of October just ended. One box, to the value of \$70, was sent last week to Arkansas, in which were small libraries for three poor Baptist preachers of that State, and helps for several Sunday schools. And, about the same time, another box, containing \$20 of donation, was sent to Texas.

Brothren, as Baptists we can afford to give our patronage to a house which not only supplies us all the literature wanted by our denomination, and that at the lowest prices, but also uses whatever profits may result, and all contributions entrusted to it, for building up our Baptist cause. Our brethren of the Publication Society assure us that they could most advantageously give away thousands per month in place of hundreds if the means were only furnished them, while as it is, thousands of worthy calls have to be denied. Should not this good work be sustained more liberally?

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